

# Hearing Demanded on Controversial Zoning

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# CRASH INJURES ELDERLY MAN

## A Penny for your Thoughts

The Peace Corps is now one year old. The Pennies photographer asked persons in downtown Torrance if they think "the Peace Corps has accomplished anything."

Gary Tiernan, 2348 W. 230th St.

"I think the Peace Corps has shown the other countries how the American people live. Also, it's going up against communism and telling our story a little bit better. My cousin is in it."



Mary Pate, General Delivery, Torrance

"I think the Peace Corps has accomplished something because Americans just never stop to think communism could be here too. I feel I've learned more about communism since the Peace Corps was established. The corps has brought us good will. It sure hasn't hurt us any."

James Galtin, Wilmington

"I think the Peace Corps has brought us prestige and knocks down some of the propaganda. The Peace Corps lets people of foreign countries know what we are like."



Joyce Jones, 257 E. 219th St.

"I think it has but I also think the Peace Corps can be better. They could try harder to get our feelings across. I think the Peace Corps is helping combat communism."

Mrs. Frank Fisher, 1506 Kory Ave.

"I think the Peace Corps is probably attractive to mature youth of all countries involved. In the long run I think the corps is going to catch hold and be a real snowball thing. Nothing but good can come of this."



## Council Gets Protests to Zone Change

Protests to the City Council's sudden switch last week in approving a rezoning petition after voting to hold it for 90 days were forwarded to the city this week, and one has demanded a hearing on the matter when the Council meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

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## Candidate Forum Set For April

Candidates for mayor and the City Council at the April 10 municipal election will be given an opportunity to air their views and answer questions at a public forum sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce the Friday night before the election, it was announced here yesterday.

Jaycee President Jerry Dunn announced the April 6 meeting, saying it was scheduled for the Torrance High School auditorium beginning at 8 p.m.

Chairman of the forum will be John Robinson, Dunn said.

All candidates for mayor and for one of the three City Council seats at stake have been invited and will be given an opportunity to express their views and to answer questions, the Jaycee sponsors reported.

All voters of the city are being invited to attend the affair, they said.

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Kenneth Watts, area property owner, asked for a hearing. They were among the original protestants to the petition filed by developer Dan Butcher to rezone property east of Anza and north of Torrance Boulevard from light manufacturing to permit construction of apartments.

WHEN THE matter first came before the Council March 6, Owen was joined in vigorous protest by Mr. and Mrs. Watts, who operate a manufacturing plant near the property outlined in Butcher's petition.

Councilmen voted to table the petition for 90 days to allow time to complete a survey of residents and property owners in the area, and to permit a still-to-be appointed director of planning to study the issue.

LAST TUESDAY, Butcher requested reconsideration saying the property "involves a substantial investment on my behalf and unless some immediate action is taken thereon, great and irreparable damage and harm will be done."

On the motion of Councilman Jay Beasley, a majority (Continued on Page 11)



INDUSTRIAL WINNERS . . . Community Chest Campaign Chairman Fred Mill, left, presents bronze plaques to representatives from Torrance industrial firms for their high participation in the chest drive. Receiving plaques from Mill are, left to right, Norman L. Goetz, purchasing agent for Clauser Technology Corp.; Hans Beetz, Dow Chemical accounting supervisor, and Chenia L. Newberry of Liteline, markers of aluminum overhead and sliding doors. (Herald Photo)

## Generous Givers Cited At Chest Awards Fete

Torrance individuals and industrial firms were the recipients of various awards Thursday night at the annual Harbor Area Community Chest awards banquet.

Fred Mill, campaign chairman, presented the bronze plaque award, highest honor for employee groups, to Clauser

Technology Corp. and Dow Chemical Co., Styron Division, both of Torrance.

LITELINE INC. of Torrance, makers of aluminum overhead and sliding doors, received the second year bronze plaque award for employee participation.

Mill also accepted a trophy. He accepted the Morrill trophy, for highest percentage of organization. Mrs. Robert Place, area residential chairman from Portuguese Bend, accepted the women's committee trophy for second highest percentage of residential goal.

TWO TORRANCE businessmen received gold Oscars. They were Jack Pellerin, assistant manager at Security First National Bank, for second highest percentage of advance gifts goal and Fred Brunner of Columbia-Geneva Steel, for achieving 100 per cent of commerce and industry quota.

Residential unit chairmen attending who were honored for 100 per cent campaigning were Mrs. Keith A. Bone and Mrs. J. A. Davis, central Torrance.

and Mrs. Edward Schneider, Torrance.

MORE THAN 200 persons attended the annual event to receive honors and plaudits for their roles in the successful 100 per cent 1961 Harbor Area Community Chest appeal.

Two Lomita-Harbor City area residents also received awards. V. A. Baichiero, manager of the Lomita-Harbor City Bank of America, for the highest percentage of quota and for 100 per cent organization.

The J. A. Robinson residential unit chairman's trophy for unit chairman with the highest percentage of goal went to Mrs. Keith A. Bone of Lomita-Harbor City.

Edwin H. Corbin, Security-First National Bank executive, and chairman of the Chest's area management committee installed board officers and new board members.

Officers to serve in 1962 are James Visceglia, Palos Verdes, chairman; Fred Mill, first vice-chairman; and John Chadwick, second vice-chairman.

## Chapel Due In Court On Monday

Arraignment of Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel of Palos Verdes Estates on felony charges for falsely reporting a bomb aboard an airliner has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday in Sacramento Municipal Court.

The assemblyman surrendered to police Friday and was released on \$1,050 bail. Chapel still maintained his comments March 15 aboard a Los Angeles-bound plane were misunderstood by stewardess Judy Churchill. She said Chapel had remarked that he had a gun and nitroglycerine in his briefcase.

The law making it a felony offense to falsely report a bomb on a plane was passed with Chapel's vote.

## Mother Knows Firemen Carry 'Chain Keys'

Thirteen-year-old Jan Fredericksen thought for a few minutes Thursday morning that he had a sure-fire reason for missing classes. He found a heavy link chain padlocked around his neck, and the key was in his brother's pocket. Brother Mike, 16, who had adorned Jan with the chain link as a prank, was on his way to school from the family home at 4142 W. 177th St.

Mrs. Nancy Fredericksen, however, wasn't at all abashed by the circumstance.

She calmly called the Torrance Fire Department, and Capt. Bob Moffitt executed a neat snip with a pair of husky bolt cutters, and Jan was sent on his way to school.

Firemen put the caper down as horseplay.

## Five Injured In Collision Early Friday

A 62-year-old Long Beach man was hospitalized with serious injuries following a collision near here Friday. Clem Gleason, who was one of four passengers in an auto which collided with another, was reported critical late Friday, but yesterday was reported in fair condition.

Also injured in the crash were Donald L. Craig, 35, Long Beach; William C. Walbon, 35, Garden Grove; Leander Heriges, 58, Long Beach, and Dale M. Bailey, 55, of 1640 W. 166th St., Harbor City. All reportedly received minor injuries.

Bailey, was alone in one auto, and the others were passengers in a car driven by Thomas Murphy, 62, of Garden Grove when the collision occurred at Sepulveda and Normandie. Murphy was not hurt.

## Spartan Students Honored

One hundred and five South High School students have achieved excellent citizenship for the fall semester, according to Carl Benson, assistant principal.

Individual students were nominated for excellent citizenship by one or more of their teachers and approved by the entire faculty. Emphasis must be given to the fact that not all students who received all "E's" on their report card had excellent citizenship.

THE FRESHMAN class had the highest percentage of students on the excellent citizenship roll. The freshmen had 39 per cent, the sophomore class 31 per cent, the junior class 18 per cent, and the senior class had 12 per cent of the students on the list.

Seniors included Merle Anderson, John Brooks, Sandy Fleeman, Gail Ibbotson, Ed La Motte, Diane Lehto, Rosemary McIlraith, Mark Maddrell, Susan Richards, Kathy Sousa, Jack Swensen, and Dick Vogl.

JUNIORS WERE Linda Anderson, Sherrie Farmer, Karen Howe, Diane Keppier, Janice Kita, Shelagh MacCurdy, Allen Mann, Sue Omohundro, Pat Palmquist, Frances Pearson, Laura Reed, Michael Robbins, Richard Rosato, Loren Severs, Lauren Siegel, Karen Venable, Sharon Venable, Elizabeth Walker, and Judy Wilts.

SOPHOMORES WERE Sue Bavlnka, Lauren Bettiti, Jacqueline Blake, Candy Bromm, Diane Chambers, Robert Clafin, Ray Cross, Jim Davis, Sheryl DeTemple, Donna Dorman, Janet Gutter, Marlana Harjo, Lana Hurst, Roger Huysen, Leslie Hyek, Dean Johnston, Jean Kisselburgh, Steve Livingston, Christine Matlick, Barbara Nelson, Michael Pooler, Robin Rector, Penny Rettig, Janis Ruebsamen, Sherrie Schneider, Carol Siefried, Randy Siller, Gail Stuart, and Judi McTee, 17, a Torrance High student.

More than 150 persons witnessed the judging at the Broadway Del Amo tea room where the girls wore cocktail dresses and short formal for the event.

Selection was based on beauty, poise, and personality, according to contest chairman Flavio Bisignano, who was master of ceremonies.

One of the first official duties of the new "Miss Torrance" will be to reign over the Armed Forces Day events in Torrance.

## Dominguez Stock Sale Authorized

Authorization for the Dominguez Water Co. to sell 19,961 shares of its common stock to the Dominguez Estates Co., its parent company, at a par value of \$25 a share was announced this week by the Public Utilities Commission in a decision issued in San Francisco.

Request for the sale was filed with the PUC Feb. 7 and amended Feb. 14, and indicated the company intended to use the \$499,025 proceeds from the sale to reimburse its treasury for moneys previously expended for capital additions and improvements.

A financial report filed with the application showed the company had assets of \$9,788,687.

The PUC held the proposed issue was for a proper purpose in granting the request.

Transfer of the shares must be completed before June 30, 1962, the PUC ruling said.

## Two Try for Scholarships

Two South High School students have been named finalists in competition for a National Merit Scholarship.

They are Carolyn Mohr and Irene Hanson. They will be eligible for scholarship awards sponsored by about 130 business corporations, foundations, associations, individuals and the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

## South High Beauty New Miss Torrance

Seventeen-year-old Bobbet King, a South High School student, walked off with the "Miss Torrance" title Friday night, capturing the eyes of the judges over 13 other Torrance beauties.

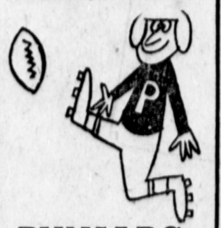
Miss King, who was entered in her first beauty contest, received a trophy from Eva Norda, starlet who has appeared in several major television shows, and won the right to represent Torrance in the Miss Angel and Miss Dodger contests.

Runnersup in the judging were Myra McCartney, 18, a North High School student;



LIBRARY GIFT . . . Mrs. Melba Bommarito, right, head librarian at the North Torrance branch library, proudly shows off a new dictionary donated to the library by the Edison School PTA. Mrs. Dwight Preston, left, PTA library chairman, and Mrs. John Bauer, PTA president, inspect the dictionary, the most expensive single book in the library. The Edison PTA has also donated other gifts to the library in past years. (Herald Photo)

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